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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Ruixiang Li  
Group Art Unit : 1646  
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Application No. : 10/816,768 Confirmation No. : 3980  
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New York, New York 10020  
March 7, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the January 12, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a 1-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, a response is due on or before March 12, 2007. Thus, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Amdmt. and Reply dated March 7, 2007  
Reply To Restriction Requirement dated of January 12, 2007

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.